

## NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Ready for Indoor Carnival to Be Given by Elks.

## SELECT ROUTE FOR PARADE

Committee of George Washington Birthday Association Arrange for March-Invitation Extended to the Warrenton Rifles-Edwin M. Reid Dead-Circuit Court to Convene.

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Alexandria, Va., Feb. 16.—Final touches were this evening placed on the interior of Arriary Hall in the shape of decorations for the big indoor carnival which will be opened at that place at 7:30 o'clock to-morrow night under the auspices of Alexandria Lodge, No. 753, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The hall has virtually been transformed into a fairy land, and with the thousand of miniature incandescent lights, it will present a dazzling appearance.

The work of decorating the various booths with the articles which will be disposed of will be done to-morrow under the direction of the ladies, who will be in charge of that end of the work. On the opening night the members of the order will hold a meeting and afterward they will proceed in a body to the hall.

In the center of the hall a large booth has been arranged, and on this a string orchestra will render music throughout the evening. Arrangements have also been made for dancing every evening. Judging by present indications, this carnival will surpass anything of its character ever attempted in this city.

The committee in charge of the affair has worked assiduously in the interests of the carnival, and there is every reason to believe that its efforts will be crowned with success.

The following are the officers of the association: Charles B. Marshall, chairman; James W. Bales, vice chairman; Cecil Huff, secretary; Howard W. Smith, assistant; J. F. Fitzgerald, treasurer.

Those composing the executive committee are J. M. Hill, George T. Caton, F. C. Spinks, J. E. Shinn, E. J. Quinn, H. Fleischman, J. A. Ewald, Zora Hill, A. H. Oehlert, T. A. Fisher, and George D. Hopkins.

Ladies' committee—Mrs. J. W. Bales, chairman; Mrs. Jacob Brill, vice chairman; Mrs. John M. Reid, secretary and treasurer.

The work of decorating the hall was done by Messrs. A. J. Fontier, Frank O. Spinks, and J. A. Ewald.

**Select Route for Parade.**  
A meeting of the George Washington Birthday Association was held to-night and the following route for the parade to be held February 22 was decided upon: The column will move on Duke street, with right resting on Washington, Payne to Prince, Prince to Fairfax, Fairfax to Cameron, Cameron to Royal, Royal to King, King to Washington, Washington to Wythe, and countermarch back to King, King to West, and disband.

The parade will be reviewed at the corner of King and Fairfax streets by the chief marshal, distinguished guests, and city officials, together with the officers of the association.

The invitation has been extended to the Warrenton Rifles, of Warrenton, Va., to take part in the parade, and it is expected that they will participate. The committee will hold another meeting to-morrow, and, as previously announced, meetings will be held every night this week.

**Edwin M. Reid Dead.**  
Edwin M. Reid died at noon to-day at his home, 118 South Alfred street. He had been in ill health for a long time. Mr. Reid was a son of the late Phineas Reid and was a native of this city. He was fifty-one years of age, and is survived by two children, Miss Edna and Mary Reid. Mr. Reid was an undertaker by occupation, and since early boyhood had been employed in the undertaking establishment of R. Bentley. His funeral will take place from his late home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Father L. F. Kelly, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, will conduct the services.

The February term of the Circuit Court for Alexandria County, Judge J. B. T. Thornton, presiding, will convene at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning at the courthouse on Fort Myer Heights. It is said that a number of important cases will come before the grand jury for consideration.

Among the criminal cases which probably will be called for trial at this term is that of Frank Hitchcock, indicted for attempting to assault Mrs. Susan M. Beach, wife of Mr. Reginald Beach. The alleged offense occurred August 6, 1907.

It was stated at the Alexandria Hospital to-night that the condition of Thomas J. Snyder, who was held up and shot by three highwaymen Tuesday night on Shooters Hill, has greatly improved. The three men who are charged with the offense will probably be given a preliminary hearing early this week.

The anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass was observed this afternoon in the form of a joint celebration under the auspices of the Lincoln Association at Roberts Chapel, colored. The meeting was presided over by Magnus L. Robinson, president. Addresses were made by Robert H. Terrell, of Washington, and others.

Percy S. Foster, of Washington, this afternoon delivered an address before a men's meeting in the Young People's Building of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, concerning songs, relating stories of many well-known songs.

The services at the various churches throughout the city were to-day and to-night well attended. At all of them the resident clergy occupied the pulpits. At the Baptist church a number of people were baptized.

**More Complete Weather Report.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 16.—Observer Wilson, in charge of the local station of the Weather Bureau, has been advised that beginning to-morrow his office will be given a larger telegraphic report for use in preparation of the map dispatched from this office. The number of stations reporting here under the new arrangement will be forty-three.

**Bush Roebly Passes Away.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 16.—Bush Roebly, living near Nearyville, in Loudoun County, Va., aged seventy years, died yesterday of pneumonia. Several children survive him.

**Mrs. W. A. Fowler Passes Away.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 16.—Following an illness of but a few days, Mrs. W. A. Fowler, wife of Supt. Fowler, of the Salisbury Cotton Mills, at this place, died here yesterday. She is survived by her husband and eight children.

## MAY SAVE SYLVAN RETREAT.

DeleGate Carl Wants Institution Made Branch Asylum.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 16.—It is assured that Sylvan Retreat, the Allegany County institution for the insane, will not be disturbed for some time to come. The general law, effective January 1, 1909, requiring that all insane county institutions be removed to State institutions, cannot be enforced for a long period on account of the crowded condition of the State asylums.

DeleGate Carl, of Allegany County, took up the matter with J. O. Stutsman, general secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Maryland, with the view to having Sylvan Retreat made a western branch of the State asylums in the event the insane were to be removed from Allegany County January 1.

Mr. Stutsman says the law cannot become effective until the central institution shall have been made sufficient to receive and well equipped to accommodate the cases now cared for by the counties.

## LABORERS GO BACK TO WORK

Country Shows Signs of Recovery from Recent Slump.

Closed Factories Are Reopening and Operations Are Being Again Increased to Full Time.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—A gradual recovery from the business slump which followed the recent financial flurry is indicated in reports from leading industrial centers of the country. There are many workers still unemployed as the result of the action of the manufacturers in cutting expenses, but a majority of the cities report the reopening of closed factories, the re-employment of discharged workers, and the resumption of full time in many shops.

Prosperity in Chicago, temporarily halted, is resuming its march. Thousands of workmen laid off are being put back to work, and during the next six weeks additional thousands will be re-employed.

Following the closing of industries, following the number of men laid off after the flurry, the number of men taken back since January 1, and the number employed at the present time:

| Industry.                   | Laid off. | Taken back. | Now employed. |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Meat & Poultry.             | 2,000     | 2,000       | 3,300         |
| Shoemaking & Leather Goods. | 1,500     | 1,500       | 2,500         |
| Other packers.              | 1,000     | 1,000       | 2,000         |
| Illinois Steel Company.     | 1,200     | 1,200       | 1,500         |
| International Harvester.    | 1,500     | 1,500       | 1,800         |
| Pullman Palace Car Company. | 5,000     | 5,000       | 6,000         |
| Crate Elevator Company.     | 2,000     | 2,000       | 3,000         |
| Hewitt Bros. Foundry.       | 200       | 200         | 300           |
| American Steel Foundries.   | 30        | 30          | 20            |

The figures show a reduction in the size of the army of the unemployed of 6,500 men within six weeks. Still, this is only an indication of returning prosperity. Much more needs to be done, for the figures shown by the Chicago Federation of Labor indicate there are still 50,000 idle men in the city.

Bostony shows favorable signs of returning industrial activity, more than 9,000 men having been taken back to work since January 1. Milwaukee reports 4,000 taken back; Omaha, 600. New York and Cincinnati show a more discouraging situation.

**DIES OF HIS INJURIES.**  
W. P. McCall Crushed by Tree He Was Cutting Down.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 16.—W. P. McCall, aged sixty-two, is dead at Stokesville, result of an accident he met with two days ago. Mr. McCall was an employee of the Imperial Extract Plant, and was cutting timber. As he felled a tree it lodged against another, and as he cut it loose the tree fell sooner than he expected, and he was caught under it. Both hips were crushed, and internal injuries sustained caused his death.

William Strother, colored, was placed in jail here this morning, it being alleged that he had murdered Mrs. Elsie Finchum, the wife of William Finchum, a laboring man, from her home, and in a lonely part of the town attacked her. She fought him off, so it is said. When arrested, Strother denied the story.

Mrs. Margaret Heatwole, wife of Manasse Heatwole, deceased, of near Dayton, was buried to-day, she having died yesterday of consumption. She was in her sixty-fourth year. She is survived by three sons and four daughters.

## TOBACCO SALES LARGER.

High Prices Prevail and Farmers Are Bringing in the Crop.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 16.—Although the weather was not good for the handling of tobacco, the past week saw larger sales here than for several weeks, the sales aggregating 280,000 pounds, or 133,500 pounds larger than the previous week.

The prices continue high and many of the dealers declare the prices prevailing are higher than ever before. The total sales here since September 1 are 7,485,500 pounds, a decrease of 3,900,200 pounds when compared with last season.

Excellent weather has prevailed for several days in which the farmers have been able to prepare their crop for the market and heavy sales are expected during the week.

**Peter Morgart Dead.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 16.—Peter Morgart died at the Allegany Hospital this morning from pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks, aged seventy years. He is survived by his wife and the following children: William A. Morgart, electric railway and extensive coal land owner; Mrs. J. William Wickard; Mrs. E. S. Willison; and Mrs. W. J. Elderfield, of Cumberland; Mrs. E. Taylor, of Washington, D. C.; and John Adam Morgart, of Smithfield, Va.

**Killed by Electric Car.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 16.—Louis Meyers, aged twenty-two, of Barton, while lying on the track of the Cumberland and Westernport Electric Railway, at the old stone mill at Moscow Mills, this county, was struck and killed by a car last night. Coroner George Martz de clared that the accident was entirely unavoidable.

**Has Bible 364 Years Old.**  
Littitz, Pa., Feb. 16.—A Bible 364 years old is in the possession of D. W. Deitrich, a school teacher of Warwick. The book bears the imprint of Christopher Fraushaur, Zurich, Switzerland, 1544-1551. The volume is bound in calfskin almost half an inch thick, and the back is heavily ribbed and studded with copper rivets. A marginal record says that Christopher Fraushaur bought the volume in 1771 for 10 shillings.

After 135 it came into possession of the Deitrich family, the father of the present owner having purchased the book at a public sale for 45 cents.

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## PROBING TWO CASES

Virginia Legislature to Get Rhea Report Soon.

## MAY NEED AN EXTRA SESSION

Charges Against Judge Rhea, of Eleventh Circuit, Expected to Consume Time of Committee Past Adjournment—Solems Will Demand Pay for Continuance of Assembly.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Feb. 16.—Among the more important measures to come before the general assembly during the present week the two which will attract the most attention will be the report of the joint committee on confirmations, which will be used to end the investigation of Judge William F. Rhea, of Bristol.

He was nominated by the governor to be corporation commissioner to succeed Henry C. Stuart, of Russell. It will also mean the launching of the investigation by another committee of the charges preferred against Judge J. W. C. Blackstone, of the Eleventh Judicial circuit, the charges alleging that he is incompetent, immoral, and generally unfit for the public office.

Judge Rhea will issue a public statement as soon as the committee has made its report to the general assembly. It is practically assured that the Bristol case will not, as was suggested, resign after the action of the legislature.

The members of the investigating committee will admit nothing, but to a member of the house a lay member admitted that the report would be unanimous for the confirmation of Gov. Swanson's nomination.

**One for Minority Report.**  
The committee member further admitted that one member, said to be Senator T. Ashby Wickham, of Henry County, had contended throughout that he thought the mere fact that the charges had been brought would impair Judge Rhea's usefulness as a member of the commission, and that he had agreed not to file a minority report only after dint of much persuasion.

There are those members of the legislature, in both branches, who contend that Senator Wickham's introduction of a resolution to compel the printing of all investigations of the case before the committee is a forgone conclusion, that he will insist upon a minority report. Others, better informed, say that such action is only to show cause for the Henry County senator's position, and those who opposed the resolution did so on the ground that the printed copy would be used in the future by the Republicans as campaign literature.

**Speculate on Blackstone Case.**  
There is also much conjecture in the legislature on the outcome of the investigation into the grave charges which have been brought against Judge Blackstone. It is generally believed that there will be little difficulty in proving that the accused frequently fell asleep on the bench during important trials, and that he was also guilty of official neglect, but it is affirmed by his friends that the charges of immorality are without foundation, and that they cannot be sustained.

Already forty-four witnesses have been summoned against Judge Blackstone, two of whom are women. The witnesses for the defense include some of the most prominent lawyers in the eastern section of the State. The charges against the Eleventh circuit judge will be considered for the first time Thursday morning, and it is understood that it will be a week or ten days before the committee on courts of justice, appointed to hear the evidence, will agree upon its conclusions.

**May Mean Extra Session.**  
It is practically assured that Judge Blackstone's denial of the charges and the short time in which the committee will have to conduct the investigation will mean an extra session. The members of the legislature are avowedly opposed to an extended session without pay, and in this event, Gov. Swanson will be compelled to order an extra session which will involve an expense of many thousands of dollars to the State. Unless the Blackstone investigation is completed by next spring, a resolution for an extra session with pay will be introduced.

Tuesday has been fixed upon in the house for the consideration of the general appropriation bill. The knowledge in the beginning of the session that there is \$700,000 idle in the State treasury caused numerous requests for appropriations from nearly every one of the State institutions. It is probable that the bill will be considered in the lower branch during the next week except this single bill.

The senate will commence to-morrow to consider passed house bills.

## Y. M. C. A. MEETS THIS WEEK.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 16.—The 360 delegates to the State convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, who will gather here Thursday for a three-day session, will be given a royal welcome.

They will be entertained in the best homes of the city, and the 1,400 members of the local organization will vie with each other to make the hospitality perfect.

The local association building is one of the best equipped in the South, and the membership is the largest south of Washington.

**Four Deaths from Typhoid.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 16.—Four deaths from typhoid fever and nearly 200 cases at the mining town of Roswell, in the Meyersdale region, are reported, and the mines may close as a result of the epidemic. The town is named for Thomas T. Boswell, of Baltimore, and is the seat of the Merchants' Coal Company, of which Mr. Boswell is president. It has 1,500 inhabitants. Three deaths occurred in twenty-four hours.

**One Hundred and Four Converts.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 16.—There have been 104 conversions at the special evangelistic services in progress at the First United Brethren Church, Graton, W. Va. During the pastorate of Rev. E. Berton Reese, covering the past three years, the membership of the church has increased 200.

**Miss Maggie Felix Dead.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 16.—Miss Maggie Felix, of Monbo, Catawba County, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. P. Hartline, here to-day. She was on a visit and was taken violently ill with pneumonia, resulting in death. She was twenty years old.

## MAY BE CATHOLIC CONVERT.

Back Bay Society Discusses Case of Mrs. John L. Gardner.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 16.—Neither high dignitaries of the Catholic Church nor Back Bay society leaders would confirm or deny positively a well-defined rumor yesterday that Mrs. John L. Gardner had embraced the Roman Catholic religion. Mrs. Gardner refused to comment on the story that she has renounced the Episcopal creed.

The friendship which has existed between Mrs. Gardner and Archbishop O'Connell has given credence of late to the rumors that Mrs. Gardner was to become a convert. Her intimate acquaintances have more than once predicted that she would become a Roman Catholic, but if she has done so, Mrs. Gardner has kept her own confidence.

In the past few months the prelate has been a guest at numerous social functions in which Mrs. Gardner has been one of the most popular guests. At the same time the confining of the pallium, Mrs. Gardner was the personal guest of the archbishop.

## HOLDS CAR FOR DYING WOMAN

Policeman Refuses to Allow Female Passenger to Be Moved.

Resulting Blockade Lasts for More Than an Hour—New York Traffic Waits.

New York, Feb. 16.—Because Policeman Thomas F. O'Connor, of the traffic squad, had not the heart to hustle a dying woman from a trolley car into the street for an ambulance to pick her up, there was a blockade, lasting more than an hour, on the Thirty-fourth street cross-town line last night.

Miss Teresa Lever, gray-haired and sixty, living at 324 East 117th street, boarded one of the cross-town cars at the Long Island ferry depot shortly after 5 o'clock. It had reached Third avenue when Policeman Charles Ross, of the East Fifth street station, saw her gasping for breath. He told the motorman to stop the car as fast as possible to a drug store on Thirty-fourth street, diagonally opposite the Waldorf-Astoria.

When the car was halted at the Waldorf, Policeman O'Connor rode up, and when told that the woman was unconscious, he ordered Ross to send to Bellevue Hospital for an ambulance. The motorman impatiently asked O'Connor to have Miss Lever taken into the drug store.

"Not a bit of it," replied O'Connor. "This woman looks to me to be dying. She will stay where she is until the ambulance comes."

Cars began to line up behind the one in which Miss Lever lay. The conductor inquired of O'Connor why he had moved the car. "If you dare start this car," replied the policeman, "I'll arrest both you and the motorman."

Just as the ambulance arrived, Miss Lever breathed her last. "Now take her out and we'll move along," yelled the conductor. O'Connor rushed to the conductor. His face was livid with rage.

"You will not leave here," declared the policeman, "until I have sent for a patrol wagon to take this woman's body away."

Inspectors of the car line expostulated with O'Connor, but he was resolute. Guests of the Waldorf crowded the sidewalk of the hotel for an ambulance for his act. When a patrol from the West Thirtieth street police station drew up O'Connor helped lift the body to the conductor and he waved his hand to the conductor and said: "Now you can move. She's out of your way."

## KING MANUEL IS A LIBERAL

Youthful Ruler Invites Republican Leader to Come Often to Palace.

Weapon with Which Buica Killed Carlos a Present from King to Assassin.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lisbon, Feb. 16.—On the occasion of King Manuel signing a decree dissolving the commissions appointed by Senhor Franco while he was acting as dictator, to replace municipal administrations, the newspapers print stories of his majesty's liberal tendencies.

For example, Prof. Pedrosa, president of the Academy of Sciences, who is a prominent republican, made an official visit of condolence to the palace. King Manuel, after thanking him, asked him to come often. Prof. Pedrosa, remaining silent, the King said:

"I know you are a republican, and, therefore, do not want to come, but you are a friend of the country, and so am I. Let us meet with that common bond and we will soon understand one another better."

It is stated that the weapon with which Buica shot King Carlos was presented to the assassin by the King at a shooting competition at which Buica won first prize, and at which King Carlos presided.

The republican newspapers print daily appeals to the public to place flowers on the graves of the regicides. Many have already complied. Thousands of post cards bearing portraits of the murdered men, and being sold in Lisbon and the provinces.

## PREFERS IGNORANT CHILD.

Goes to Jail Rather Than Send His Daughter to School.

Lead, S. Dak., Feb. 16.—Refusing to let his three-year-old daughter go to school, a man here yesterday was committed to jail for contempt of court compelling him to keep his fourteen-year-old daughter in school. Mattson, a miner, was fined \$20 by County Judge Bennett. Mattson declined to pay the fine and was sent to jail for two weeks to ponder over the compulsory school law.

Support Bigelow has been active in bringing suits against parents who will not obey the law and has had several of them held in court. Most of them yielded to the authorities, but Mattson has been obstinate and required five separate suits against him.

His attorney says the case will be taken to the Supreme court, and efforts are being made to get Mattson out of jail pending the appeal.

## HEIR TO A PRESIDENT'S LAND.

Descendant of James Monroe Learns of Distinguished Ancestry.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 16.—James Monroe, Jr., a farmer of Bear Station, this county, and a descendant of the fifth President of the United States, has been informed that he is one of the heirs of a large timber tract that was once owned by President Monroe near Alexandria, Va. Monroe only recently learned of his distinguished ancestry. His mother, he was informed, married a son of the President, and thus descended from Virginia. Recently a lumber dealer learned that the Delaware Monroe was one of the heirs to the property.

## POPE PIUS GUARDED

Gets Threatening Letters Since Lisbon Tragedy.

## HEALTH IS MUCH IMPROVED

Extraordinary Precaution Taken in Vatican Gardens, Where the Pope Every Day Takes Promenade and Drives—Italian Government Details Special Guard for Outside Walls.

Rome, Feb. 16.—Since the assassination of the Portuguese King and crown prince the Pope has been in fear of his own life. It is asserted threatening letters have been received recently at the Vatican asserting Pius X will sooner or later meet the same fate. These caused great concern to the Vatican authorities and to the prelates surrounding the Pope, because they consider themselves personally responsible for the Pope's safety.

Extraordinary precautions have been taken, especially in the Vatican gardens, where the Pope takes every day his promenade and rides. Carabinieri and Palatine Guards are scattered over the grounds about the time the Pope is due to appear. The Pope's carriage now is always followed by two mounted noble guards, which has not been the case since the death of Leo XIII, who always insisted on this.

The Italian government has been notified of the Pope's fears and has arranged for a regular patrol of police and carabinieri to watch outside the walls including the Vatican grounds.

**Sharp Watch on All Visitors.**  
At the palace every person entering is closely scrutinized, not only by the Swiss guards on duty at the bronze portals, but also by the gendarmes stationed in the Court of San Damaso. The Pope has refused for several days to take his usual promenade, and rides in a carriage when he descends to the gardens. He is generally accompanied by two of his prelates, who ride in the same carriage with him, and all the gardeners employed in the Vatican grounds have been ordered to keep a sharp watch on intruders.

The cordial relations between the Vatican authorities and the Italian government since the election of the present Pope seem to have come to an end. This is due to several causes, principal among which is the failure of the Italian government to repress the anti-clerical manifestations in this country some weeks ago.

Then there is the agitation going on over all Italy to suppress religious instruction in the public schools, which the government has not attempted to repress. The republican newspapers have been brought against the government by religious orders, and even the vicar general of Rome is interested in one of them. All these suits refer to property rights, and could not have been brought without the permission of the Vatican authorities.

**Pope an Astute Politician.**  
But the principal bone of contention is the interference which is being made by the Pope has tried to exercise on the political elections of the country by ordering all Catholic societies to organize for the probable forthcoming dissolution of Parliament. The Pope wishes to see a number of Catholic deputies elected to Parliament in order to protect the Catholic interests of this country.

Some object to this action of the Pope and call it a wanton interference in politics. Pius X is a politician. As Patriarch of Venice he stayed all anti-clerical feeling of Venetians going on the political council, and now that he is the supreme pontiff he is determined to protect the religious interests of Italy no matter at what cost.

Since the arrival here of Baron von Muhlenberg, the Prussian minister accredited to the Vatican, diplomatic relations between the Vatican authorities and the German government have improved. It is expected that when Emperor William goes on his cruise to Corfu and the Mediterranean Sea, he will visit the Pope to thank him personally for his good offices.

**Pontiff's Health Better.**  
The Pope's health is very much improved. This is the opinion of Dr. Macchiaiava, his consulting physician, who was called to attend him when he suffered from a severe attack of sore throat. His regular physician, Dr. Petacci, was called to assume the responsibility for the case so he sent for his colleague, who is a well-known professor in a Roman university. Dr. Macchiaiava insisted in making a thorough examination of the Pope's physical condition, and came to the conclusion that Pius X would live many more years, and that his gouty attacks are only superficial ones. Pius X has to submit to a strict regimen of diet under the direction of his physicians.

As a consequence of the recent celebration of the twenty-fifth centennial of the death of St. John Chrysostom, which was attended by the Pope in the Sistine Chapel, it is hoped in Vatican circles that the Greek Church will be brought into union with the Roman and recognize the Pope as its supreme chief. For the first time since the twenty-fifth century, Greek prelates were allowed to take part in a Vatican ceremony, and their gratification was shown when at a mass held under the presidency of Cardinal Vannusello, some of the Greek prelates advocated reunion with the Church of Rome. Several other meetings have been held since, in the presence of the Pope, according to reports circulated in Vatican circles, it has been arranged to counsel the church authorities in Greece to join forces with Rome.

**Three Emperors to Cruise.**  
According to reports which have reached here, there will be three Emperors cruising in their yachts in the Mediterranean Sea in the spring. One of them will be the German Emperor, who will visit his newly purchased property of Achilleon, in the Island of Corfu, which has recently been redecorated and is still in the hands of workmen. Another sovereign who is expected is Edward VII, who will also probably visit Corfu, and meet his imperial nephew, King George V, who is expected to visit Corfu.

The most startling announcement is that the Czar of Russia, accompanied by the Czarina and all his children, will also pay a visit to the Mediterranean Sea. It is asserted that the Czarina is in poor health, her physicians have insisted that the voyage to southern and milder climates be made, and that the German Emperor has placed at the disposal of the Russian sovereign his villa of Achilleon.

There is no doubt entertained here that the Russian sovereigns will on the occasion pay a visit to some Italian port, probably Naples, and it is thought they will then return to Russia by land, just as King Edward VII always does when he comes on a cruise here.

Much disappointment was felt at the Vatican last week because the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who were on a visit to this city, did not call at the Vatican and see the Pope on account of the private nature of their visit. They notified Mr. Stonor, the Archbishop of Trondheim, who called on them at the British Embassy, that it would be impossible for them to make a call at the Vatican palace.

## LAUDS NEGRO SOLDIERS.

Gen. Burt Speaks at Maine Memorial of Colored Veterans.

In commemoration of the destruction of the battle ship Maine, the Admiral Charles M. Thomas Camp, United